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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

#### In the Specification

Please substitute the enclosed substitute specification for the originally filed specification.

#### In the Claims

Please delete claims ~~1-13~~ and substitute new claims 14-43 as follows:

14. A material comprising a dispersion of at least one hydrophobic binding agent selected from the group consisting of resin, resin precursor, wax and mixtures thereof; and a filler wherein the filler has an at least bimodal particle size distribution, wherein one particle size range (A) has a mean particle diameter of at least 5  $\mu\text{m}$  and the other particle size range (B) has a mean particle diameter of at most 3  $\mu\text{m}$  and the weight ratio of the particles of particle size range (A) to the particles of the particle size range (B) is between 0.01:1 and 12:1 and the constituents of the dispersion are so selected in